



Computer CORE

Absolutely Essential Skills

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Extra Support from ComputerCore

- Weekly help sessions -
 - Check-In (Monday, 5 - 6 pm)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83832477730>
 - COREclub (Wednesday, 5 - 6 pm)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84624226148>
- Join Slack -
https://join.slack.com/t/computercore/shared_invite/zt-2xthmmimt-5nTjorK7UAjDpJPHLSGXnw
- The Help Desk:
866-977-3033 helpdesk@computercore.org



The recording of last week's class

- https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/plElbai-mFpN4kg_5hgNC_28A0br48LUIVwwq3_QOz21B-pGqBXtEue2EF1q-dKK.XseWArro_QSih6Ei
- Passcode: 7j*qSt7b
- CTRL + Click on the recording's URL



Internet Security

- Make sure you're using a secure internet connection
 - If you are using public Wi-Fi, avoid carrying out personal transactions that use sensitive data, such as online banking or online shopping
- Choose strong passwords
 - Use different passwords for every site you have an account at
 - Long – made up of at least 12 characters (ideally more)
 - A mix of characters – upper-case and lower-case letters plus symbols and numbers
 - <https://www.random.org/strings/>
- Enable multi-factor authentication where you can
 - Especially for financial websites



Internet Security cont'

- Keep software and operating systems updated
- Check that websites look and feel reliable
 - Lookout for URLs that start with “HTTPS” rather than “HTTP” (the “S” stands for “secure”) and have a padlock icon in the address bar
 - Free from spelling and grammar mistakes
 - Accepted standards of online payments
 - <https://www.memcyco.com/5-recent-examples-of-fake-websites/>



Internet Security cont'

✓ **Real**

← → ↻ paypal.com/signin Guest



Email or mobile number

Next

or

Sign Up

English | Français | Español | 中文

✗ **Fake**

Messages 15:12 77%

pay-pail.com



my@email.com ⚠

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Log In

Having trouble logging in?

Sign Up



Internet Security cont'

- Review your privacy settings and understand privacy policies
- Be careful of links and where you click
 - Can expose your personal data online or infect your device with malware
 - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/zakdoffman/2025/06/11/chrome-safari-edge-warning-do-not-use-any-website-on-this-list/>
- Make sure your devices are secure
 - Use passwords or passcodes



Internet Security cont'

- Backup data regularly
 - Backup important personal information on external hard drives
- Be careful what you download
 - Cybercriminals try trick you into downloading malware in files and apps
- Be careful what you post and where
 - Don't put anything online that you would not want a future employer to see
- <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-avoid-phishing-scams>



Handle application or computer freezing

- An application does not respond and you cannot close it
- You get a popup message saying something like “application is not responding”
- Alt-F4 (press alt and the F4 button at the same time)
- Use task manager to close the program (Ctrl+Shift+Esc)
- The computer isn’t responding, hold down the power key until it shuts off (or follow message to shut down)



Congratulations! We did it!

- Using Zoom
- Parts of a computer
- Operating systems
- Class recordings on Slack
- Online behavior
- Starting files
- Saving files
- Un-deleting files and folders
- Connecting to the Internet
- Internet browsers and search engines
- Email
- Security and passwords
- Using online resources
- The Windows file system
- Working with Windows



Online resources

- Digitallearn (the updated AT&T site):
<https://www.digitallearn.org/>
- NorthStar Digital Literacy:
<https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/>
- Typing Club: <https://www.typingclub.com/>
- Typing Test: <https://www.typingtest.com/>
- Mouse practice: <https://mouse-practice.com/>



More ideas to practice

- It is OK to play with your computer
 - Search for fun topics
 - Play games
 - Open applications
 - Make files
 - Make folders
 - Save files
- Go online
 - <https://www.digitallearn.org/>
 - Connect with Slack



Common mistakes when students register for CORE classes

- Registering for the wrong courses
- Registering for a course that is too advanced
- Getting your email address wrong
- Registering for too many courses
- Registering for classes that meet at the same time on the same day
- Registering for the same course more than once



Northstar digital literacy

- NorthStar Digital Literacy:
<https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/>
- Try an assessment
- Essential Computer Skills
- Basic Computer Skills